

**Historic Dickson House  
c. 1841**

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<sup>1</sup> I was not able to substantiate this date.

<sup>2</sup> Guamieri; Starks.

<sup>3</sup> Davis, Plate LIX, map 3.

<sup>4</sup> Other than what has already been stated in these footnotes, I was not able to find a Civil War era reference that actually mentions the house, therefore I did not find information from that time period that speaks to this damage. However information may exist that can shed some light on this. In the Kirby article an unpublished memoir called “Memory of the Confederate War” was mentioned. The memoir was dictated in 1935 by Eliza Dickson Helton who was 14 at the time of the battle. It discussed a friendly-fire accident that led to the house being damaged and bloodstains on the floorboards. If Dr. Secrist has a copy of this memoir, or has access to it, this portion of the text may be verifiable from that source.

<sup>5</sup> Kerksis, 834. Although the house is not mentioned, the route from Mt. Olivet Church to the north, heading south down Sandtown Road to Gilgal Church would have taken them past the house.

<sup>6</sup> Kerksis, 834; Davis, Plate LIX, map 3 (location of church site at crossroads).

<sup>7</sup> Kerksis, 835; OR, Part IV, 484.

<sup>8</sup> I was not able to substantiate this statement. The closest I could find was OR, Part IV, 522 where Hooker sent a message to Brig. Gen. Whipple on June 19<sup>th</sup> in which the header of the message stated his location as being “Near Dixon’s House”.